



*When
you
Pray*

3rd Sunday of
Eastertide
April 23
2023



Pied Beauty

*Glory be to God for dappled things —
For skies of couple-colour as a brindled cow;
For rose-moles all in stipple upon trout that swim;
Fresh-firecoal chestnut-falls; finches' wings;
Landscape plotted and pieced — fold, fallow, and plough;
And áll trádes, their gear and tackle and trim.*

*All things counter, original, spare, strange;
Whatever is fickle, freckled (who knows how?)
With swift, slow; sweet, sour; adazzle, dim;
He fathers-forth whose beauty is past change:
Praise him.*

~ Gerard Manley Hopkins

cover by Leilani Pierson

Children's programming is available during both services on the lower level, see page 15 for details.

Large Print orders of worship and *devices to improve hearing* are available in the back of the sanctuary.

Welcome

Silent moment to prepare for worship

Eastertide Call to Worship

All:

1. There is one Gos-pel on which I stand For all e - ter - ni - ty.
It is my sto - ry, my Fa - ther's plan. The Son has re - scued me.
Oh what a Gos-pel, oh what a peace. My high-est joy and_ my
deep - est need. Now and for - e - ver He is my_ light.
I stand in the Gos - pel_ of Je - sus Christ.

The musical score is written for a single melodic line on a treble clef staff in 6/8 time. It consists of five staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a 6/8 time signature. The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests. The lyrics are written below the staff. The second staff continues the melody and lyrics. The third staff continues the melody and lyrics. The fourth staff continues the melody and lyrics. The fifth staff concludes the piece with a double bar line and a final chord. The time signature changes to 3/8 for the final measure.

Leader: O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.

**All: O LORD, you have brought up my soul from the grave;
you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.**

Leader: Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name.

**All: For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime.
Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.**

Leader: You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; you have loosed my sackcloth
and clothed me with gladness,

**All: That my glory may sing your praise and not be silent.
O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever!**



2. There is one Gos-pel to which I cling, all else I count as loss.
3. There is one Gos-pel where hope is found; the emp - ty tomb still speaks.
4. And in this Gos-pel the church is one; we do not walk a - lone



For there, where jus - tice and mer - cy meet, he saved me on the cross.
For death could not keep my Sa - vior down, He lives and I am free.
We have His Spi - rit as we press on to lead us safe - ly home.



No more I boast in what I can bring. No more I car - ry the
Now on my Sa - vior I fix my eyes, my life is His and His
And when in glo - ry still I will sing of this old sto - ry that



weight of sin. For He has brought me from death to life,
hope is mine! For He has pro - mised I, too, will rise,
re - scued me. Praise to my Sa - vior the King of life.



I stand in the Gos - pel of Je - sus Christ.
I stand in the Gos - pel of Je - sus Christ.
I stand in the Gos - pel of Je - sus Christ.

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Leader: Our God and Father, we sing your praise and cannot be silent for you have brought our souls up from the grave and restored us to life.

Thank you for the resurrection of your son Jesus Christ.

All: Come, Lord Jesus and open our eyes and hearts to your presence. Amen.

1. Je - sus, stand a - mong us in your ri - sen power;
2. Breathe the Ho - ly Spi - rit in - to e - very heart;

let this time of wor - ship be a hal - lowed hour.
bid the fears and sor - rows from each soul de - part.

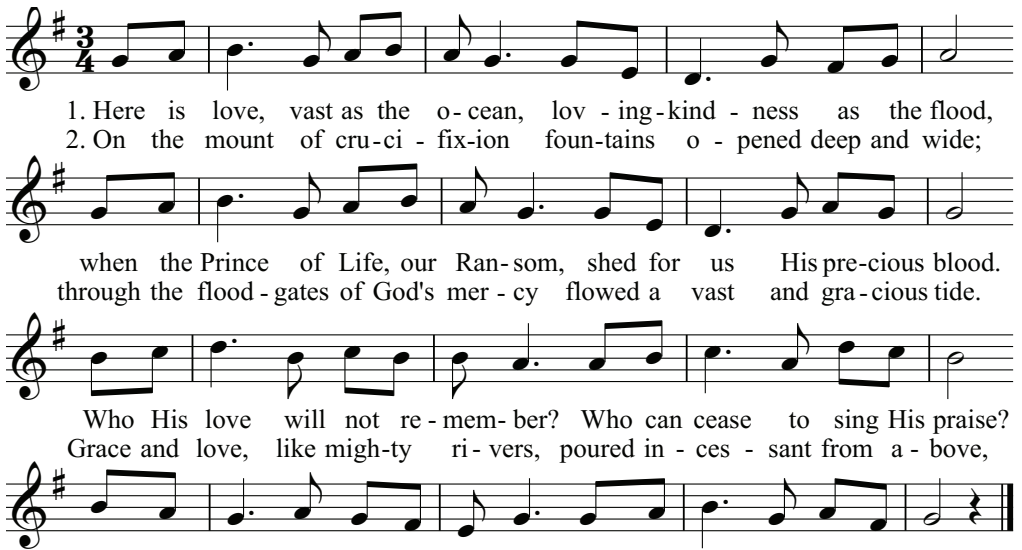
Jesus Stand Among Us, Words: William Pennefather, 1873, Music: Friedrich Filitz, 1847

Confession of Sin, adapted from Hebrews 3

Leader: Take care, lest there be in you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. Exhort one another every day, that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. For we have come to share in Christ, and the Holy Spirit says:
"Today, if you hear his voice,
do not harden your hearts in rebellion."

All: Father, we are callous to the ways our sins affect us and those around us.
Forgive us the evil of our unbelief, grant us the ears to hear the voice of your Spirit, and soften our rebellious hearts.

Silent time to pray and confess



1. Here is love, vast as the o - cean, lov - ing-kind - ness as the flood,
2. On the mount of cru-ci - fix-ion foun-tains o - pened deep and wide;
when the Prince of Life, our Ran-som, shed for us His pre-cious blood.
through the flood - gates of God's mer - cy flowed a vast and gra-cious tide.
Who His love will not re - mem-ber? Who can cease to sing His praise?
Grace and love, like migh-ty ri - vers, poured in - ces - sant from a - bove,
He is Christ, the Lamb of glo-ry, through-out heav'n's e - ter - nal days.
and heav'n's peace and per-fect jus-tice kissed a guil - ty world in love.

Here is Love Vast as the Ocean, Words, William Reese, 1850, music by Robert Lowry, 1876, arr. by Nathan Drake, Christ's Church, St. Louis, 2015

Assurance of Pardon, adapted from Hebrews 10

Leader: *Christ sacrificed himself for our sins and the Holy Spirit bears witness to us.*

All: He has made a covenant with us.
He put his laws on our hearts,
He wrote them on our minds.
He remembers our sins and our lawless deeds no more.

Sing to Assure

3. In me all Thy love ac-cep-ting, Love Thee, e - ver all my days;
4. In Thy truth Thou dost di - rect me By Thy Spi - rit through Thy Word;
Let me seek Thy king-dom on - ly And my life be to Thy praise;
And Thy grace my need is meet-ing, As I trust in Thee, my Lord.
Thou a - lone shalt be my glo - ry, Noth-ing in the world I see.
Of Thy full - ness Thou art pour-ing Thy great love and pow'r on me,
Thou hast cleansed and sanc-ti - fied me, Thou Thy-self hast set me free.
With - out mea - sure, full and bound-less, Dra-wing out my heart to Thee.

Lessons from the Word

read by Alyssa Blankenship ①, Eric Strahl ②

Old Testament Lesson - Psalm 116.1-2, p.510

New Testament Lesson - 1 John 3.1-3, p.1022

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God



1. Je - sus, Thou Joy of lo - ving hearts! Thou Fount of
2. Thy truth un - changed hath e - ver stood; Thou sav - est



life, Thou Light of men! From the best bliss that earth im -
those that on Thee call; To them that seek Thee Thou art



parts, We turn, un - filled, to Thee a - gain.
good, To them that find Thee all in all.

Jesus Thou Joy of Loving Hearts, Words: Bernard of Clairvaux, 1150; Music: Henry Baker, 1854

The Word

Pastor Aaron Baker

When You Pray, Luke 11:5–13, p.869

⁵ And he said to them, “Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves, ⁶ for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him’; ⁷ and he will answer from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything’? ⁸ I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. ⁹ And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. ¹¹ What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; ¹² or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³ If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

Notes:

musical interlude and moment of silent meditation

Sacrament of Communion

2 Corinthians 13:11-14: Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

Leader: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

All: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Greet each other in the name of Christ

Giving back to God a portion of what he's already given us is an important part of the Christian life. The bread and wine we use in communion are a picture of the gifts that God has given us, offered back to him as an act of worship. You can offer your resources back to God in support of the work of the church by placing your offering in the boxes in the back on the way out. You can also give online at covenantchicago.org/give, use the QR code on page 15, or text a donation amount to 84321.

All: Doxology

Praise God, from whom all bles-sings flow; Praise Him, all crea-tures here be - low;

Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Words: Thomas Ken, 1709, Music, German Psalter, 1561

Eastertide Great Thanksgiving

by Samuel Wells, vicar, St. Martin-in-the-fields, Church of England, 2016

Leader: As we approach your table, grant us the peace with each other that we find in you so that we can come to this feast united in love. Accept now our offerings of bread, wine and gifts to you Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, to the work of your kingdom.

**All: Blessed God, you walk with us from the Jerusalem of our failure
to the Emmaus of your glorious revelation.**

Leader: You made us to be your companions,
and gave us food and drink
that we might share your life with you.

**All: You created us from the dust of the earth,
and you re-created us by water and the Spirit.**

Leader: You called your chosen people, you sent Moses and the prophets,
and you came among us in Jesus

**All: that we might know you in his crucified and broken body
and celebrate you in the everlasting joy of his resurrection.**

Leader: And so we gladly thank you, with angels and archangels
and all the company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending praise:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

3. We taste Thee, O Thou li - ving Bread,
And long to feast up - on Thee still; We drink of
Thee, the Foun-tain - head, And thirst our souls from Thee to fill.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in treble clef, key of D major (two sharps), and 3/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words hyphenated across measures. The first staff ends with a double bar line. The second and third staves continue the melody and lyrics.

Distribute the Bread & Cup

Please note that we serve both red wine and white grape juice

Receiving Communion

Communion (also called The Lord's Supper or the Eucharist) is the family meal of baptized Christians. We invite all to partake of this sacrament who trust in Jesus Christ alone for salvation, and seek strength to live more faithfully for him.

Silent prayers for reflection

Prayer for those taking communion

Lord Jesus, your perfect life, your death and resurrection are the source of all blessing in this life and the life to come. As I eat this bread and drink this cup, renew me in the joy and glory of knowing and serving you. I come to this table on the basis of your merit only and not my own. As you have completely and fully offered yourself for me, I now completely and fully offer myself to you as a living sacrifice. Amen.

Prayer for those searching for truth

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

Prayer of belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but, through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.

Prayer for those struggling with sin

Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Grant also that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to you, the author and finisher of my faith. Amen.

Music for Communion

You are welcome to join in song:

1. Down at the cross where my Sav - ior died,
 2. I am so won - drous - ly saved from sin,
 3. Oh, pre - cious fount - ain that saves from sin,
 4. Come to this fount - ain so rich and sweet,

Down where for cleans-ing from sin I cried, There to my heart was the
 Je - sus my Sav - ior a - bides with - in; There at the cross where He
 I am so glad I have en - tered in; There Je - sus saves me and
 Cast thy poor soul at the Sav - ior's feet; Plunge in to - day, and be

blood ap - plied; Glo - ry to His name!
 took me in; Glo - ry to His name! Glo - ry to His name,
 keeps me clean; Glo - ry to His name!
 made com-plete; Glo - ry to His name!

glo - ry to His name: There to my heart was the

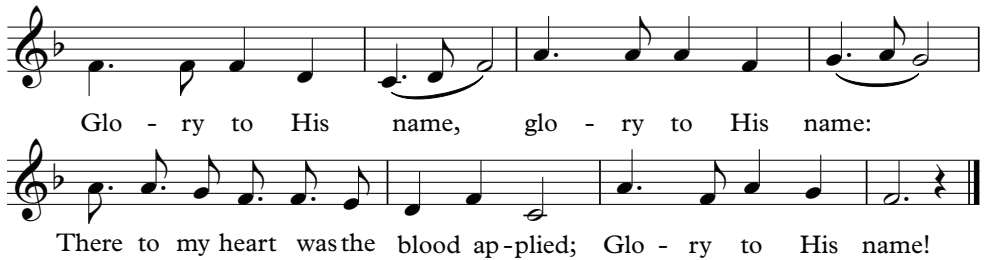
blood ap - plied; Glo - ry to His name!

Down at the Cross, Words: Elisha Hoffman, 1878. Music: John Stockton (1813-1877).

Respond to the Table

Leader: Remembering your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we take from your creation this bread and this wine
and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising,
as we await the day of his coming.
With thanksgiving we offer our very selves to you
to be a living and holy sacrifice
dedicated to your service.

All: **Great is this mystery of faith:**
Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.



The musical notation is written on two staves in a single system. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The first staff ends with a double bar line, and the second staff ends with a double bar line.

Glo - ry to His name, glo - ry to His name:

There to my heart was the blood ap-plied; Glo - ry to His name!

The Work of the People

Romans 12:4-6, For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them.

in prayer

Led by Christie Kay

A prayer for our community

Leader: Lord in your mercy

All: Hear our Prayer

A prayer for our city

Leader: Lord in your mercy

All: Hear our Prayer

A prayer for our world

Leader: Lord in your mercy

All: Hear our Prayer



Our Fa- ther, who in hea-ven be, All hal-low-ed praise we sing to
Give us th-is day our dai-ly bread. For give our__ debt-ors and our
All praise to__ Thee, the God of Light; All Praise to__ Christ, the glo-rious



Thee. And as we__ hail your king - dom come, We
debt. And from temp - ta - tion lead the way. Guard
Son; And to the__ Sp - rit, Lord of might, Now,



al - so__ pray your will be done. Your will be
us from__ ev - il till the day, Your king - dom
and e - ter - nal a - ges run. All praise to



done Your will be done, Your will be done, Your will be done.
come, Your king-dom come, Your king-dom come, Your king-dom come.
Thee, All praise to Thee, All praise to Thee, All praise to Thee.

The Lord's Prayer, Words and Music, Paul van der Bijl, 2012, based on the Lord's Prayer, verse 3 based on a Latin hymn

in community

Events and opportunities at Covenant during the coming weeks.

Go With Joy

All:



1.What hope we have, e-ven in the long-est night, for the
2.What peace we have, e-ven in this wound ed world where the
3.What joy we have, for the stone is rolled a - way, and the
4.What hope we have, e-ven in the long-est night, for the



light will o - ver come.____	We will not fear, for we know the
bat - tle ra - ges on.____	We will not fear, for we know who
tomb holds no-thing now.____	No sting of death, no pow'r o - ver
light will o - ver come.____	And we shall live; sin-ners, we will



sun will rise. Hal-le - lu - jah is our song.____
 heals our souls. Hal-le - lu - jah is our song.____
 sin or grave. Hal-le - lu - jah is our song.____
 rise to saints. Hal-le - lu - jah is our song.____

Hal-le -



lu - jah, hal-le - lu - jah! He is ri-sen o - ver all. Hal-le-



lu - jah, hal-le - lu - jah! Hal-le - lu - jah is our song.

Hallelujah is Our Song, Words and Music by Sarah Hart, Holy Family Catholic Church, Brentwood, TN., 2013

Benediction

Romans 15:5-7 May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome to Covenant Presbyterian Church

TODAY AT COVENANT

1st Service, 9am

- Nurseries, ages 0-4, lower level
- Children's Worship: preK-5th Grade, lower level

2nd service, 11:15am

- Nurseries, ages 0-4, lower level

Common Ground, 10:15am

- Nursery: Ages 0-4 (Lower Level)
- Sunday School: Pre-K-8th (Lower Level)
- Sunday School: High School (Youth Room, Ed Building)
- Adult Education: Not the Way It's Supposed to Be (Conference Room, Ed Building)
- Adult Education: Feasts, Lost Sheep and a Tiny Mustard Seed (Library, Ed Building)
- Adult Education: The Church in the World (All Saints Room, Lower Level)
- Coffee and snacks available in all classrooms and the Fellowship Hall

ANNOUNCEMENTS IN OUR COMMUNITY

Large Print orders of worship and electronic hearing assistance devices are available in the back of the sanctuary. An usher can assist you with finding and using these items.



Serve Breakfast at Breakthrough: On the fourth Saturday of every month, Covenant provides breakfast for the Breakthrough women's shelter. If you are interested in volunteering to help purchase, prepare and serve food to shelter guests, you can reach out to breakthrough@covenantchicago.org for more information or sign up for upcoming dates on our website: <https://covenantchicago.org/events/breakfast-at-breakthrough/>.

Feasts, Lost Sheep and a Tiny Mustard Seed: Throughout the Gospels, Jesus used parables to teach about the nature of God, faith and the kingdom. How should we read the parables? What can we learn from these short, punchy, and sometimes surprising stories and images? How do they relate to the rest of Jesus' teaching? Join us for this class on the parables at 10:15 in the Library. Today, Linda Gehrs will guide us through the parable of the sower and the mustard seed in Matthew 13.

Not the Way It's Supposed to Be: Each week in service, we confess our sins together as a congregation. But what exactly is sin, and what has it done to us and to the world as God designed it to be? Join us for this class that will explore the doctrine of sin using Cornelius Plantinga's book *Not the Way It's Supposed to Be*. Class will meet in the Conference Room at 10:15. Please note: this class will take a break on April 30 and return on May 7.

The Church in the World. Join us for this class led by Covenant's Mission Committee to learn more about the way that Covenant supports the global church. Today, we'll hear from Jamie and Jacki Gildard, missionaries we support in Toulouse, France, to learn more about their work. Join us during Common Ground at 10:15 in the All Saints Room.

NEW MOMS

HOMES · JOBS · STRONG FAMILIES

April Mercy Bin: For the month of April, Covenant is collecting donations to support New Moms, an organization working to change the future for young moms experiencing poverty and homelessness in Chicagoland by offering housing, job training, and family support. This year, we're collecting a variety of items such as board books, food pantry supplies and baby supplies such as bottles and pacifiers. You can find a full list at covenantchicago.org/mercy-bin/. Donations will be collected in the Mercy Bin in the back of the Narthex throughout the month. Questions? Contact Deb Van Der Molen (dvmolen79@gmail.com).

Men's Retreat: Join other men from Covenant for our annual retreat on April 28-30. Whether you are brand new to Covenant or a church founder, this will be an opportunity to retreat from the daily grind and start or strengthen relationships. Register and learn more at covenantchicago.org/events/mens-retreat/.

Women's Dinners: Gather together for a relaxing, laid back evening of dinner & conversation with women from Covenant at Etta in Bucktown on May 2. Learn more and sign up at covenantchicago.org/events/womens-dinners/. Each participant will be responsible for the cost of their individual meal. Scholarships for meals and babysitting available; contact women@covenantchicago.org for more details.

Small Groups: Covenant small groups meet throughout the city. Small groups are a great way to get to know others at Covenant, study Scripture, and pray together. If you'd be interested in learning more about small groups, please contact Pastor Dan. (dadamson@covenantchicago.org).

Wednesday Morning Women's Group: Join other women from Covenant on Wednesday mornings from 9 to 11 am for a small group. They are currently studying Liturgy of the Ordinary by Tish Harrison Warren. Childcare is available. Contact Emily Willis for more details (emily.m.schroeder@gmail.com).

Sunday Morning Sound Technicians Needed: No experience is necessary and training will be provided. If you are interested in helping run sound on Sunday mornings please contact Russell Kamp at russellkamp@gmail.com.

Ushers Needed: Ushers are the first people to greet people as they come to Covenant. They pass out the orders of worship, help people find the bathrooms and classrooms, and help at the end of service to clean up the sanctuary. Most ushers serve once a month. If you'd like to join our usher team, please contact Margaret-Ann Natsis (margretann.natsis@gmail.com).

Volunteer with Children's Ministry: Covenant needs additional volunteers to help in our nurseries, children's worship classroom and Sunday school classrooms. We need volunteers during both services (9:00 and 11:15 am) and during Common Ground (10:15). To volunteer, contact Ian Troll (ian@covenantchicago.org).

Meals Ministry: The Meals Ministry cares for our community by providing occasional meals to individuals and families. If you have recently experienced health problems, have welcomed a new child into your family, or have suffered a loss, please visit covenantchicago.org/meals-ministry/ to request a meal. The Meals Ministry also seeks volunteers to cook and deliver meals, and you can sign up to volunteer through the website link. Questions? Contact meals@covenantchicago.org.

Sermon Devotional Emails: Twice a week, a team from Covenant sends sermon devotional emails that will help you reflect on and pray through the prior week's sermon text and Scripture lessons. Email devotional@covenantchicago.org to sign up.

Let Us Pray for You. Covenant's staff meets to pray for the congregation throughout the week. We would be honored to pray for you. You can share prayer requests by writing them on the tear out portion at the back of the order of worship or by emailing Pastor David (dsalsedo@covenantchicago.org).



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Aaron Baker (Moderator), Dan Adamson, David Dillon, Dave Hoover, Kevin Jones, Brad Lewis, Steve Lehmann, David Salsedo.

Please direct correspondence for the Session to session@covenantchicago.org.

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Treasurer: Ben Harvey

If you're in need or wish to speak with a deacon, you can email us at diaconate@covenantchicago.org.

Welcome to Covenant

Please fill out this form, tear it out, and put it in one of the offering boxes at the back of the church.

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New to Covenant | Regular Attender | Member

Name:

Email:

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☐ ↑ *This is new or updated information* ↑

I am interested in:

- ☐ More information
- ☐ Small Groups
- ☐ Service Opportunities
- ☐ Membership
- ☐ Receiving the Email Letter
- ☐ Children and Youth Ministry
- ☐ Other:

Prayer Requests:

Covenant Life

Worship Together:

We are made to worship the Triune God, and our worship is always ordered around Jesus Christ and the forgiveness and grace he secured for us by his cross, resurrection and ascension. Gathering around this good news together on Sundays strengthens our appetites, imaginations and abilities to live as followers of Jesus.

Grow and Learn Together:

Learning about our faith and growing together in it forms us into human beings who are fully swept up into the work God is doing to reconcile all things to himself in Jesus. Learning is more than simply knowing; it is the internalization of truth that leads to mature thinking and acting.

Serve Together:

The natural outcome of receiving and experiencing grace is to be propelled outward into mission and service. All of us have been given gifts to use for the good of our common life and for the good of the broken world around us, and we encourage everyone to regularly use their gifts in service.



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and a world
continually made new
by the grace of Christ*

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